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President: Mr. Al-Nasser ..... (Qatar)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Thomson (Fiji), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee under agenda items 129, 131, 132, 134, 141, 146 to 152, 154 to 161 and 163 to 165.

I request the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Noel González Segura of Mexico, to introduce in one intervention the reports of the Fifth Committee before the Assembly.

Mr. González Segura (Mexico), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (*spoke in Spanish*): I have the honour today to present to the General Assembly the reports of the Fifth Committee containing recommendations on issues that required action during the second part of the resumed sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

In the course of the second part of the resumed session, which took place between 7 and 31 May and on 12 June, the Fifth Committee held eight formal meetings and numerous informal consultations and informal-informal consultations.

In accordance with resolution 49/233, of 23 December 1994, the second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee was devoted primarily to considering the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping missions and associated peacekeeping issues. The Committee considered the financing of 18 peacekeeping missions, as well as other related peacekeeping items and issues.

I would like to draw the Assembly's attention to the fact that the reports of the Fifth Committee contained in documents A/66/540/Add.2, A/66/746/Add.1 and A/66/544/Add.1 have already been considered by the General Assembly, at its 108th and 112th plenary meetings, on 16 May and 4 June, as reflected in documents A/66/PV.108 and A/66/PV.112, respectively.

On agenda item 129, entitled "International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals", in paragraph 6 of its report contained in document A/66/843, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

On agenda item 131, entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors", in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/66/626/Add.1, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

On agenda item 134, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013", in paragraphs 13 and 14 of its report contained in document A/66/637/Add.2, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption, respectively, of a draft resolution and a draft decision, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

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On agenda item 141, entitled "United Nations common system", in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/66/644/Add.1, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution, which the Committee adopted without a vote.

On agenda item 146, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", in paragraph 10 of its report contained in document A/66/834, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following three draft resolutions: draft resolution I, entitled "Cross-cutting issues"; draft resolution II, entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations"; and draft resolution III, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy"; all of which the Committee adopted without a vote.

With regard to the draft resolutions on the financing of peacekeeping operations, I should like to inform the Assembly that, with the exception of sub-item (b), entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", of agenda item 160, the Committee adopted all the draft resolutions without a vote.

The reports of the Fifth Committee are presented under the following agenda items: agenda item 147, "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei", as contained in document A/66/632/Add.1; agenda item 148, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad", as contained in document A/66/841; agenda item 149, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire", as contained in document A/66/633/Add.1; agenda item 150, "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus", as contained in document A/66/835; agenda items 151 and 152, "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", as contained in document A/66/584/Add.1; agenda item 154, "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste", as contained in document A/65/839; agenda item 155, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea", as contained in document A/66/842; agenda item 156: "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia", as contained in document A/66/832; agenda item 157, "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti", as contained in document A/66/846; agenda item 158, "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo", as contained in document A/66/845; agenda item 159, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia", as contained in document A/66/838; sub-item (a) of agenda item 160, "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force", as contained in document A/66/840; agenda item 161, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan", as contained in document A/66/634/Add.1; agenda item 163, "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara", as contained in document A/66/836; agenda item 164, "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur", as contained in document A/66/837; and agenda item 165, "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)", as contained in document A/66/844.

Regarding sub-item (b), entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", of agenda item 160, entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the report of the Fifth Committee is contained in document A/66/833. The Committee considered the draft resolution as amended and decided to retain the fourth preambular paragraph and existing paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 by a single recorded vote. In paragraph 13 of that report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution, as amended, as a whole, which the Committee also adopted by a recorded vote.

Finally, under agenda item 132, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", in paragraph 5 of its report contained in document A/66/638/Add.2, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision relating to questions deferred for future consideration. The Committee adopted the proposal without a vote.

Before I conclude, allow me again to thank delegations for their cooperation in the conduct of the Committee's work. Through its hard work, the membership demonstrated its commitment to reach agreement on technically and politically complex items. I also wish to thank delegations for their commitment and wholehearted support with a view to the peacekeeping work of the Organization.

On behalf of all delegations, I would also like to thank the Chair of the Fifth Committee, Ambassador

Michel Tommo Monthe of Cameroon. His energy and wisdom were key in our attaining the positive results of our work. Allow me to also mention my colleagues on the Bureau, namely, Ms. Mariam Saif Abdulla Al-Shamisi of the United Arab Emirates, Ms. Jelena Plakalović of Serbia, and Mr. Paul Ballantyne of New Zealand. They consistently displayed their professionalism and commitment to the work of the Committee. I also wish to recognize here each and every member of the Secretariat team servicing the Fifth Committee, headed by Ms. Sharon Van Buerle, for their dedication and great efficiency. I also wish to thank our colleagues who are leaving the Committee to perform new functions and I wish them every success.

Lastly, allow me to add that the work of the Fifth Committee is hard but worthwhile when we see the results in the improvement of the Organization's proceedings and when we are certain that it is adequately financed in order to carry out its mandates with a view to strengthening it and reinforcing the importance and the relevance of the United Nations as the primary world forum.

The Acting President: I thank the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee, and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I further remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee, unless notified otherwise in advance. That means that where recorded votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we will proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee.

Agenda item 129 (*continued*)

International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/843)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/240 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

Agenda item 131 (*continued*)

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/626/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 232 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Agenda item 134 (*continued*)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/637/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report and one draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 14 of the same report. The Assembly will now take action on the draft resolution and the draft decision.

The draft resolution is entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/258 B).

The Acting President: The draft decision is entitled "Subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.

Agenda item 141 (*continued*)

United Nations common system

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/644/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations common system". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/263).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Agenda item 146

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/834)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I, II and III.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Cross-cutting issues". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 66/264).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 66/265).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Financing of the United Nations logistics base at Brindisi, Italy". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 66/266).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 146.

Agenda item 147 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/632/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?-

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/241 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 147.

Agenda item 148

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/841)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/267).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 148.

Agenda item 149 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/633/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/242 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 149.

Agenda item 150

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/835)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/268).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 150.

Agenda items 151 and 152 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/584/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/269).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 151 and 152.

Agenda item 154

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/839)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/270)

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 154.

Agenda item 155

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/842)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/271).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Agenda item 156

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/832)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/272).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 156.

Agenda item 157

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/846)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/273).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Agenda item 158

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/845)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/274).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 158.

Agenda item 159

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/838)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/275).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 159.

Agenda item 160

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/840)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/276).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 160.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/833)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon". A single separate vote has been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution.

I shall now put to the vote the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 13, on which a single separate and recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 13 of the draft resolution were retained by 97 votes to 3, with 49 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran

(Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America

The draft resolution, as a whole, was adopted by 145 votes to 3 (resolution 66/277).

The Acting President: I shall now give the floor to the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to speak in explanation of vote or position on the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. Ayzouki (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My delegation joined the consensus on the adoption of resolution 66/276 on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and voted in favour of resolution 66/277 on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. Our position in based on our consistent support for the principle that the responsibility for financing those two forces should be borne by Israel, the aggressor and the occupying Power, which caused their establishment n the first place. Our position is in conformity with the basic principles contained in resolution 1874 (S-IV), of 27 June 1963.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 160.

Agenda item 161 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/634/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/243 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 161.

Agenda item 163

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/836)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/278)

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 163.

Agenda item 164

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/279).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 164.

Agenda item 165

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/844)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

We will now take action on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 66/280).

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of Denmark, who wishes to speak in explanation of position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Juul-Nyholm (Denmark): I have the honour to speak on behalf of the member States of the European Union (EU).

While the EU Member States are pleased that funding has been agreed for the next 12 months for the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia (UNSOA), We would nonetheless like to emphasize our position of principle on reimbursement for troop-related costs. The 27 EU member States firmly believe that it is a matter of principle that there should be no backdating of payments of troop costs and contingent-owned equipment before the actual integration of any forces under the command of the African Union. In the specific case of UNSOA, no payment should therefore be made before the date of signature of the memorandum of understanding between the African Union and the troop-contributing country. We also strongly believe that the number of troops should be verified before any payment is made.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 165.

Agenda item 132 (*continued*)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/638/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The Assembly will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations and Chairman of the Fifth Committee, the members of the Bureau and representatives for a job well done.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.